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Twenty-sixth Meeting

Summary record of the 32nd meeting

Held at Headquarters, New York, on Monday, 28 July 2008, at 10 a.m.

Temporary Chairperson: Mr. Mokhiber ..... (Representative of the Secretary-General)
Chairperson: Ms. Micu[illegible]escu ..... (Romania)

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The meeting was called to order at 11.25 a.m.

Opening of the Meeting by the representative of the Secretary-General

1. **The Temporary Chairperson**, speaking on behalf of the Secretary-General, declared open the Twenty-sixth Meeting of the States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. He said that an update on developments regarding the Covenant and the work of the Committee would be deferred until the next meeting, which would take place on 4 September 2008.

Election of the Chairperson

2. **Mr. Frommelt** (Liechtenstein) nominated Ms. Miculescu (Romania) for the office of Chairperson.

3. *Ms. Miculescu (Romania) was elected Chairperson by acclamation.*

4. *Ms. Miculescu (Romania) took the Chair.*

Adoption of the agenda (CCPR/SP/68)

5. *The agenda was adopted.*

6. **The Chairperson** drew attention to rules 2 and 3 of the rules of procedure, contained in document CCPR/SP/2/Rev.1. Rule 2 provided that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of a delegation should be submitted to the Secretary-General if possible not later than one week before the date fixed for the opening of a meeting, and that such credentials should be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs. The content of that rule had been communicated to States parties by the Secretary-General in his note of 16 July 2008, but a number of States parties had not yet submitted credentials.

7. She suggested that, in accordance with rule 3, the representatives of the States parties in question should be entitled provisionally to participate in the Meeting. She urged those representatives to ensure that their credentials were submitted to the Secretary-General as soon as possible.

8. *It was so decided.*

Election of other officers

9. **The Chairperson** said that Mr. Gharibi (Islamic Republic of Iran) and Mr. Mohamad (Sudan) had been nominated for the office of Vice-Chairperson.

10. **Ms. Francis-Vaughan** (Barbados) nominated Ms. Coye-Felson (Belize) for the office of Vice-Chairperson.

11. *Mr. Gharibi (Islamic Republic of Iran), Mr. Mohamad (Sudan) and Ms. Coye-Felson (Belize) were elected Vice-Chairpersons by acclamation.*

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12. **The Chairperson** said that, pursuant to article 33, paragraph 2, and article 34, paragraph 1, of the Covenant, the Secretary-General had declared the seat of Mr. Kälin (Switzerland) vacant following his resignation and by note verbale of 15 May 2008 had invited States parties to submit nominations for the purpose of filling that vacancy. Ms. Keller had been nominated by Switzerland and was the only candidate for the vacancy. She took it that the Meeting decided to dispense with a secret ballot.

13. *It was so decided.*

14. *Ms. Keller (Switzerland) was elected member of the Human Rights Committee by acclamation for the remainder of a term expiring on 31 December 2010.*

The meeting rose at 11.40 a.m.